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FILTERING FACE MASK THAT USES AN EXHALATION VALVE THAT HAS A

MULTI-LAYERED FLEXIBLE FLAP

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Dear Sir:

On February 21, 2003, applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement citing French Patent 2,641,597 which was in its original language. That patent has now been translated and applicants are submitting the English translation. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that this reference has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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